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Re: NEW **CIP** PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No.: 4627/CIP of PCT
Inventor: Josef BAERENWEILER et al.
Title: Method of Operating an Active
Obstacle Warning System

Dear Sir:

- 1) I am enclosing a NEW **CONTINUATION-IN-PART** PATENT APPLICATION under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) and 120, and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and §1.78(a) of the following Prior Application:
PCT International Application PCT/DE02/02865, filed on July 31, 2002.
- 2) Filing this application on February 17, 2004 is timely for continuity with the Prior Application, because February 16, 2004 was a National Holiday.
- 3) The enclosures are:
 - a) 31 pages of written description;
7 pages with 24 claims (3 independent);
1 page with an Abstract;
 - b) 8 Figs. on 4 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B);
 - c) **UNEXECUTED** COPY of Declaration, Power of Attorney (4 pages) for information purposes; and
 - d) 1 return receipt postcard.

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- 4) Form PTO-2038 (Credit Card Payment Form) will be filed later to cover the filing fee, after receipt of a Notice to File Missing Parts. Any fee deficiency or additional required fee may be charged to Deposit Account No.: 50-0507.
- 5) The Priority of an earlier application:

German Patent Application 101 40 096.9, filed on August 16, 2001

is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The Certified Copy of the priority application will be filed in due course.
- 6) This application is a Continuation-In-Part and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120. The entire disclosure of the above identified PCT International Application is incorporated herein by reference. The present application text includes the required cross-reference to the Prior Application in the first sentence following the Title.
- 7) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:
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Very truly yours,



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